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REMARKS

In accordance with the present invention, there are provided novel thermosetting compounds and compositions which produce cured resins exhibiting a combination of highly desirable physical properties, including rapid curing and low water absorption, and which require little, if any, diluent to provide a system of suitable viscosity for convenient handling. The resulting cured resins are stable at elevated temperatures, are highly flexible, have low moisture uptake, and good adhesion.

Applicants expressly acknowledge with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that claims 48, 51, 55 and 57 are allowed.

By the present communication, claims 50, 54 and 56 have been amended to change dependency to an allowed claim. Accordingly, these claims are seen as allowable as well. New claims 58-61, which themselves depend from allowed claims, have been introduced to capture additional features of the invention to which Applicants deem themselves entitled and are likewise seen as allowable. No new matter is introduced by the subject amendments or new claims as all claim language is fully supported by the specification and original claims. In addition, claims 46, 47, 49, 52 and 53 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of that which is defined thereby, subject to Applicants' right to file further application(s) directed thereto.

Applicants' cancellation of claims 46, 47, 49 and 52-53 renders moot their rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The rejection of claim 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been overcome by the change of dependency to allowed claim 48. Accordingly, this rejection has been rendered moot by the amendments submitted herewith. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are, therefore, respectfully requested.

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The rejection of claims 50, 54 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) has been overcome by the change of dependency to allowed claim 48. Accordingly, this rejection has been rendered moot by the amendments submitted herewith. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are, therefore, respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and favorable action on all claims are respectfully requested. In the event any issues remain to be resolved in view of this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

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